IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to a reservation server, a user terminal, a reservation system and a reservation method, suitable for use in, for example, ticket purchase/reservation at movie theaters, recreation grounds or the like having a window for customers, such as ~~gichet~~ ticket or box office, or in service reservation at restaurants.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 19, as follows:

(2-4) The store cannot select only the users existing in the neighborhood, i.e., in a store's service available range to transmit a service ~~situation~~ information to the selected users.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23, as follows:

(2-5) ~~In the case of~~ When a user makes a reservation ~~made~~ through a remote access means, the store ~~cannot understand~~ does not know where ~~a~~ the user ~~exists~~ is at the moment the reservation is made. Accordingly, ~~even if~~ it is impossible for the store ~~notifies a~~ to notify the user of other services (or service ~~situation~~ information) available ~~in the vicinity of the existing place of~~ near the place where the user~~,~~ is. Even if the store ~~cannot seize~~ should notify the user of other services information, it is impossible for the store to know whether or not the notified services are really available for the user ~~can accept the services in view of distance or time to be taken~~. Therefore, ~~a~~ the frequency ~~of user's availability for the information presented from the store to the user does not take place~~ at which the user actually uses the notified service information remains low.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 8, as follows:

Accordingly, the present invention has been developed in order to eliminate the above-mentioned problems, and it is therefore an object of the invention to provide a reservation server, user terminal, reservation system and reservation method, designed for a service provider to

notify a user(s) of a service of a store within easy reach of the user, a service reservation situationinformation, a service start/end time, and a time to be taken for the service in real time, or to suggest or propose an alternative event substituting for that service in a time zone convenient to the user.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, as follows:

For this purpose, in accordance with an aspect of the present invention, there is provided a reservation server comprising a retaining section (means) for retaining store/facility information including a reservation-needed service requiring reservation and a reservation situationinformation of the reservation-needed service, an alternative event information outputting section for outputting alternative event information on an event substituting for the reservation-needed service, a receiving section for receiving a desired service or desired event which a user desires, and is transmitted from a user terminal, a reservation managing section for selectively reading out the store/facility information retained in the retaining section and the alternative event information outputted from the alternative event information outputting section on the basis of the desired service or desired event received in the receiving section, and a transmitting section for transmitting, to the user terminal, at least one of the store/facility information and alternative event information read out in the reservation managing section.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17, as follows:

Furthermore, in accordance with another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a reservation server comprising a retaining section for retaining store/facility information including a reservation-needed service and a reservation situationinformation on the number of seats of the reservation-needed service by way of a user window or remote access means, an alternative event information outputting section for outputting alternative event information including an event substituting for the reservation-needed service and a start/end time of the event, a receiving section for receiving a desired service or desired event which is desired by a user, and is transmitted from a user terminal, a reservation managing section for selectively reading out the store/facility information retained in the retaining section and the alternative event information outputted from the alternative event information outputting section on the basis of the desired service or desired event received in the receiving section, and a transmitting section for transmitting, to the user terminal, at least one of the store/facility information and alternative event information read out in the reservation managing section.

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Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13, as follows:

Accordingly, this permits access to another reservation server after reservation to inform a user of another reservation ~~situation~~information or a reservation ~~situation~~information on a nearby store, thus transmitting a reservation ~~situation~~information within currently easy access of the user to the user in an appropriate timing.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 21, as follows:

Moreover, it is also appropriate that the reservation server further comprises an other reservation ~~situation~~information notifying section for outputting, to the transmitting section, a reservation ~~situation~~information on a reservation-needed event among the alternative event information outputted from the alternative event information outputting section. In this case, the other reservation ~~situation~~information notifying section can be made to output practicable information among the alternative event information as performing event information to the transmitting section, to output performing event information on the basis of a user traveling time, a user's waiting time (time that a user waits) at an other store and an event performance time in the other store, or to extract a longest event taking a maximum performance time from events included in the alternative event information on the basis of an event end time obtained by adding a waiting time to a performance time to be taken for each of the events for putting the extracted longest event in performing event information and outputting the longest event included performing event information. This can transmit a service or event performance time even in the case of offering, to the user, a service which defies the determination of a definite time.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 18, as follows:

Still moreover, it is also appropriate that the alternative event information outputting section is constructed as an event information retaining section to retain and output the alternative event information according to time zone, and the other reservation ~~situation~~information notifying section is constructed as an event notifying section to extract the performing event information from the alternative event information outputted from the event information retaining section on the basis of the present time for outputting the extracted performing event information to the transmitting section. Thus, a user can receive a service in a

time zone convenient to the user.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4, as follows:

Furthermore, it is also appropriate that the alternative event information outputting section is constructed as an other reservation server interface section to output, as the alternative event information, other reservation server alternative event information retained in an other reservation server connected through a server network, and the other reservation situationinformation notifying section is made to extract practicable other reservation server alternative event information satisfying a predetermined condition from the other reservation server alternative event information outputted from the other reservation server interface section for outputting the extracted practicable other reservation server alternative event information to the transmitting section. In this case, the reservation server can offer diverse service to the user.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26, as follows:

In addition, in accordance with a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a reservation server comprising a retaining section for retaining store/facility information including a reservation-needed service and a reservation situationinformation on the reservation-needed service, a handling table for retaining handling scheme data on handling by a store or facility according to reservation situationinformation of the store/facility information, and a store handling selecting section for selecting desired handling scheme data among the handling scheme data retained in the handling table on the basis of the reservation situationinformation retained in the retaining section to notify an other store or facility of the selected handling scheme data.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13, as follows:

In this case, it is also appropriate that the store handling selecting section is made to read out and output the handling scheme data from the handling table on the basis of, of the reservation situationinformation, a rate of change representative of variation in the number of reservations for a predetermined period of time.

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